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Hello-

After recent conversations with most of you, I've tried to list next steps to take to advance lesser prairie chicken conservation with partners. I anticipate we'll accomplish most of these steps in October, and possibly into November. I welcome thoughts:

Lesser Prairie Chicken next steps
September 17, 2018

Most agree Lesser Prairie Chickens need more conservation. The Range-Wide Plan, which is generally supported by many parties, articulates habitat and species population goals that are not yet achieved.

We think progress is needed on three fronts that could positively influence LPC conservation in the future: 1) Farm Bill programs, 2) mitigation programs, and 3) Endangered Species Act listing petition response.

(1) Farm Bill Programs-

- Significantly increase participation in and effectiveness of the Working Lands for Wildlife Program.
- Significantly increase participation in and effectiveness of the Conservation Reserve Program.
- Work with USDA agencies to support their efforts in a strategic manner.

(2) Mitigation Programs-

- Ensure increased participation, conservation delivery, and consistency among all mitigation programs, existing and in development.
- Meet with mitigation program administrators, private

companies, and federal and state agency representatives to chart a clear, consistent path forward.
- Share clear, succinct mitigation guidance to facilitate the above outcomes.

(3) ESA Listing Petition Response

- complete a response to the petition to list LPC under the ESA
- Share the Species Status Assessment
- Clearly communicate species conservation needs.
- Specifically characterize a vision for successful conservation and business certainty outcomes.

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